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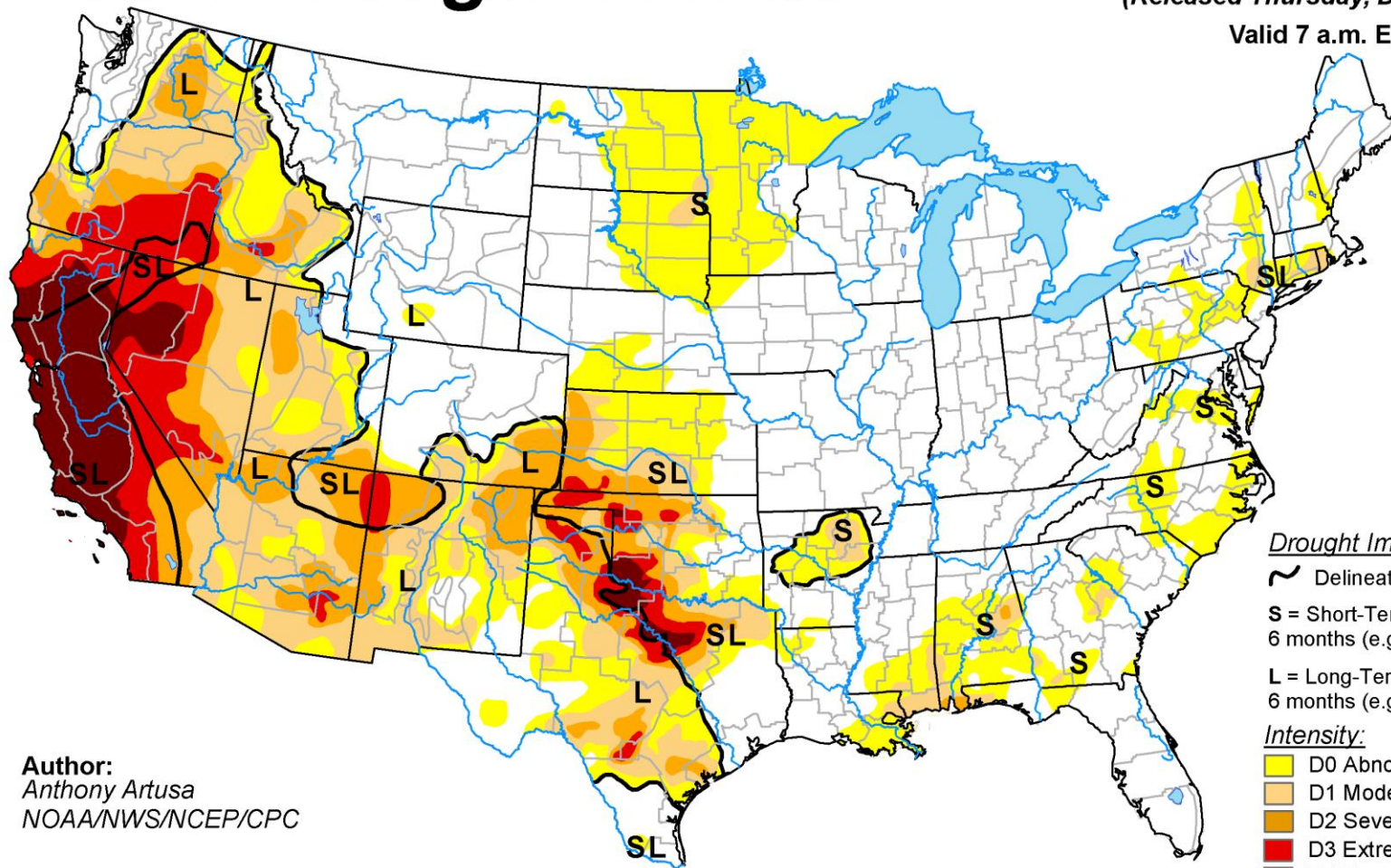
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Drought Impact Types:

~ Delineates dominant impacts

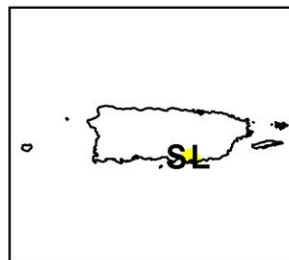
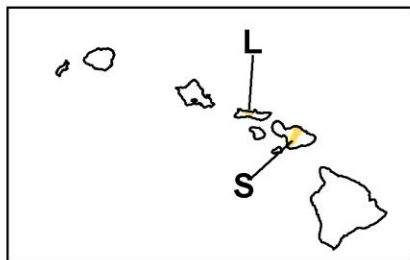
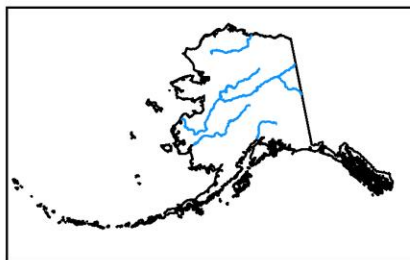
S = Short-Term, typically less than 6 months (e.g. agriculture, grasslands)

L = Long-Term, typically greater than 6 months (e.g. hydrology, ecology)

Intensity:

D0 Abnormally Dry
D1 Moderate Drought
D2 Severe Drought
D3 Extreme Drought
D4 Exceptional Drought

The Drought Monitor focuses on broad-scale conditions. Local conditions may vary. See accompanying text summary for forecast statements.

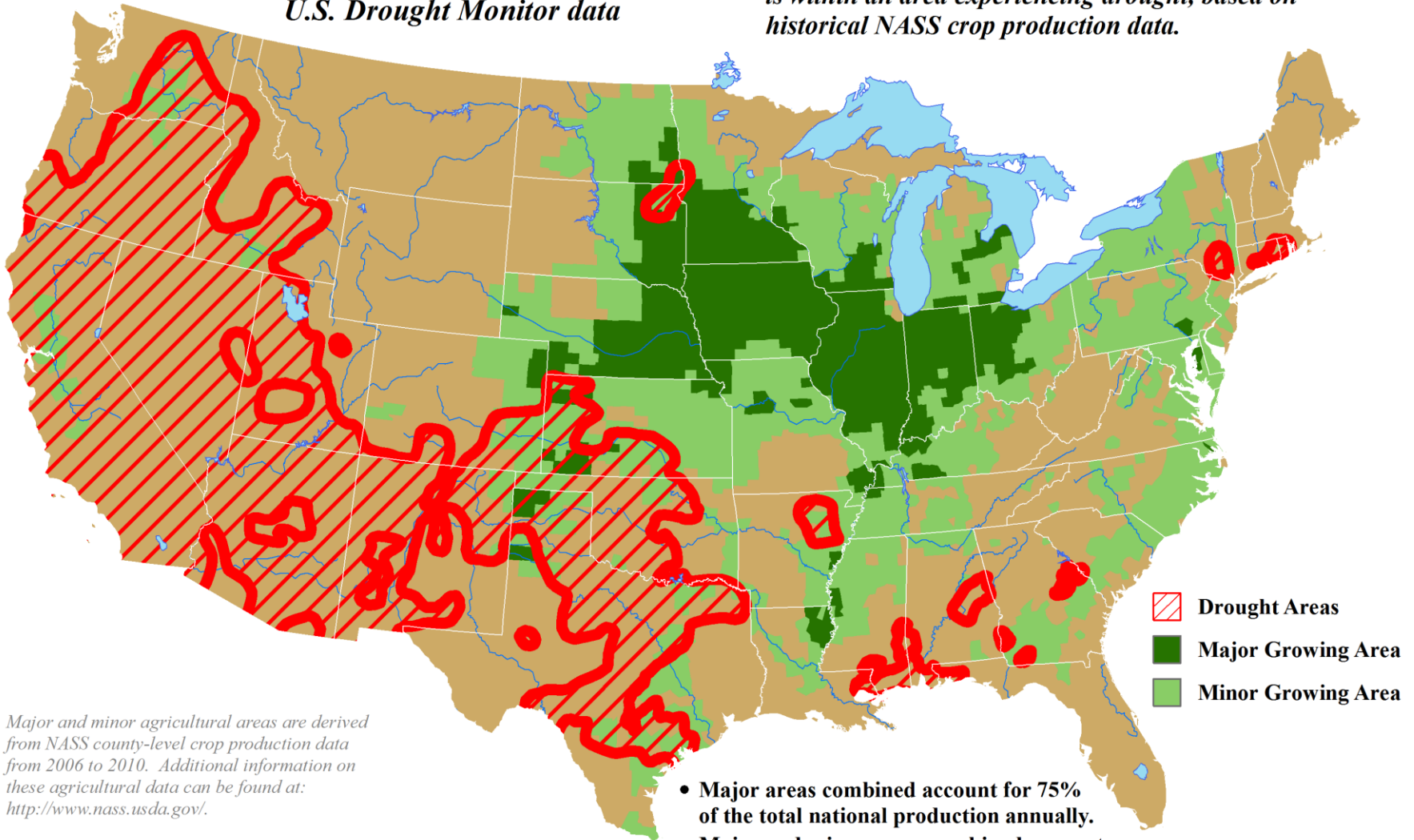


<http://droughtmonitor.unl.edu/>

U.S. Corn Areas Experiencing Drought

*Reflects December 2, 2014
U.S. Drought Monitor data*

*Approximately 5% of the corn grown in the U.S.
is within an area experiencing drought, based on
historical NASS crop production data.*

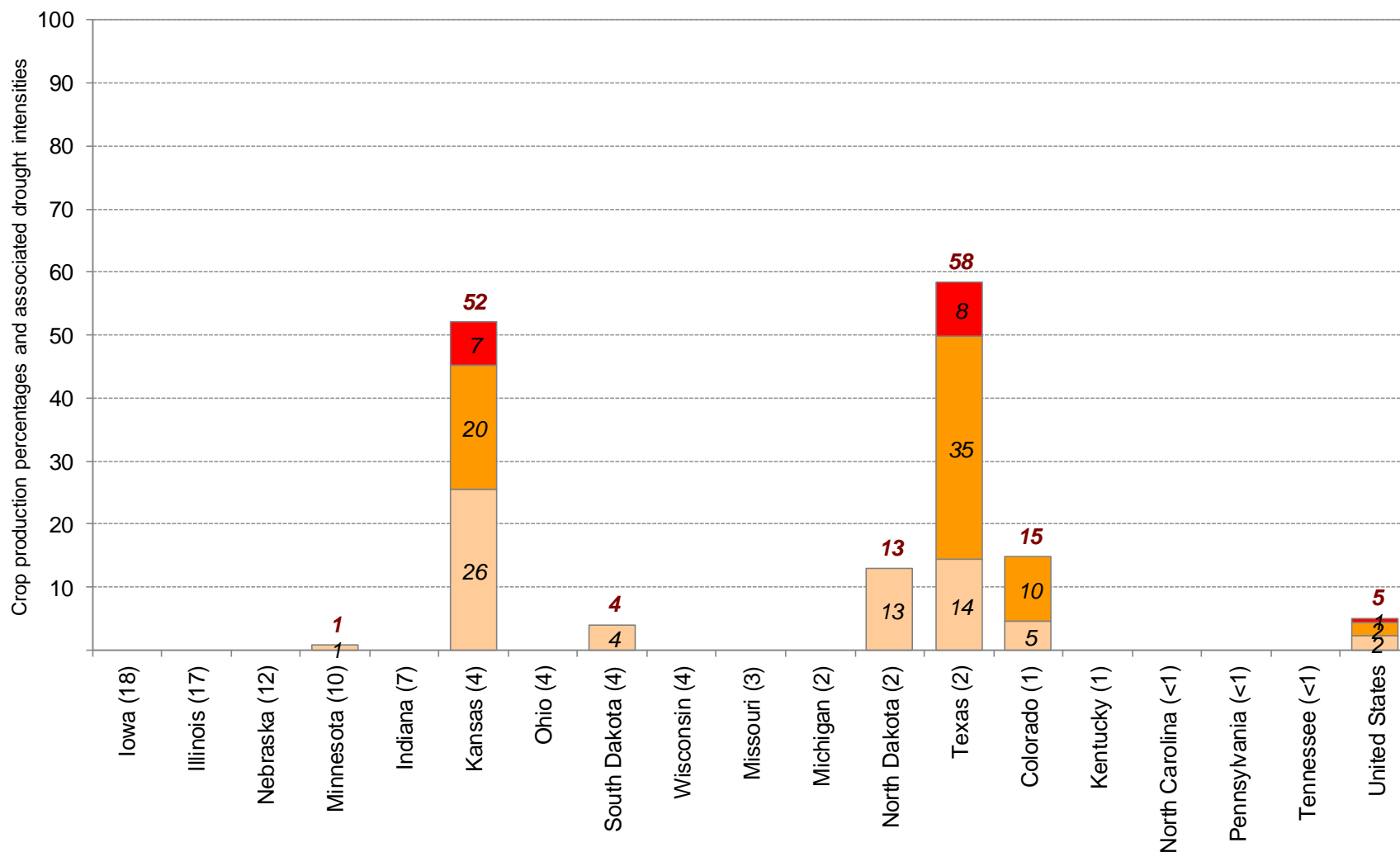


Major and minor agricultural areas are derived from NASS county-level crop production data from 2006 to 2010. Additional information on these agricultural data can be found at: <http://www.nass.usda.gov/>.

Mapped drought areas are derived from the U.S. Drought Monitor product and do not depict the intensity of drought in any particular location. More information on the Drought Monitor can be found at: <http://droughtmonitor.unl.edu/>.

Approximate Percentage of Corn Located in Drought *

December 2, 2014

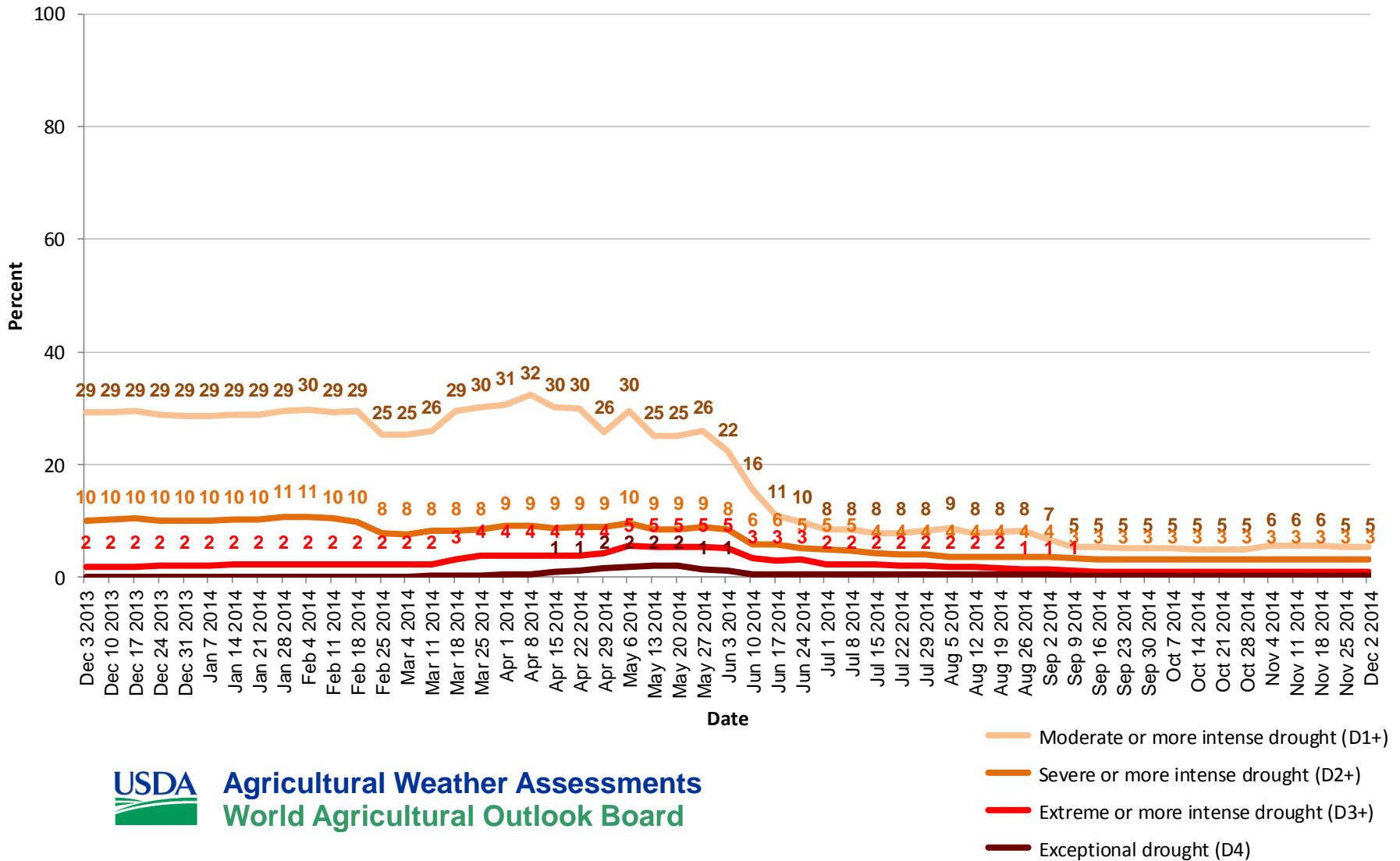


* Drought percentages were calculated from U.S. Drought Monitor (USDM) data for the above date. More information on the USDM is available at <http://droughtmonitor.unl.edu/>.

Percent in Moderate Drought (D1)
 Percent in Severe Drought (D2)
 Percent in Extreme Drought (D3)
 Percent in Exceptional Drought (D4)

State contributions to national production (percentages in parentheses) are based upon National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) 5-year averages from 2006-2010. More information on NASS data can be found at <http://www.nass.usda.gov/>.

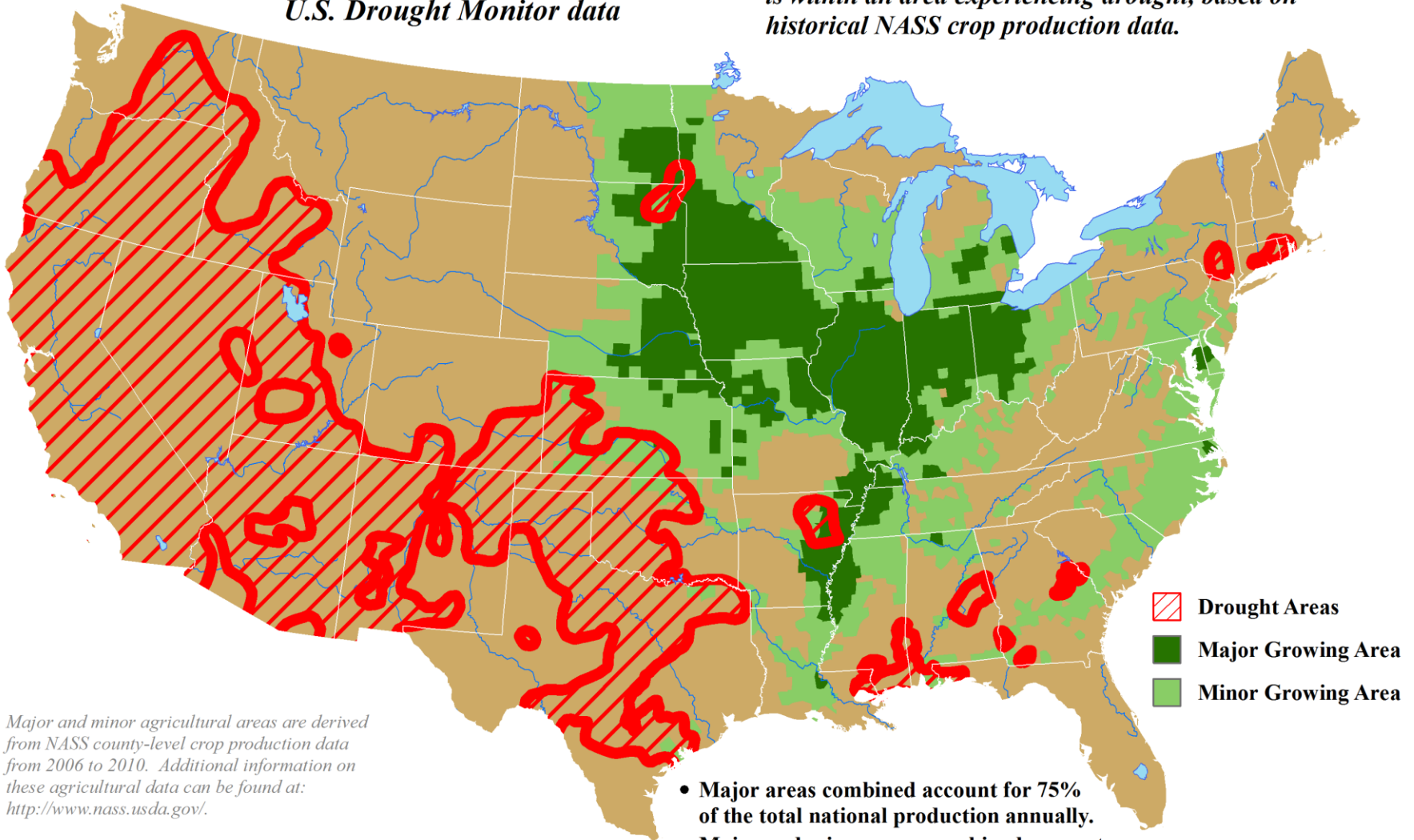
United States Corn Areas Located in Drought



U.S. Soybean Areas Experiencing Drought

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U.S. Drought Monitor data*

*Approximately 3% of the soybeans grown in the U.S.
is within an area experiencing drought, based on
historical NASS crop production data.*



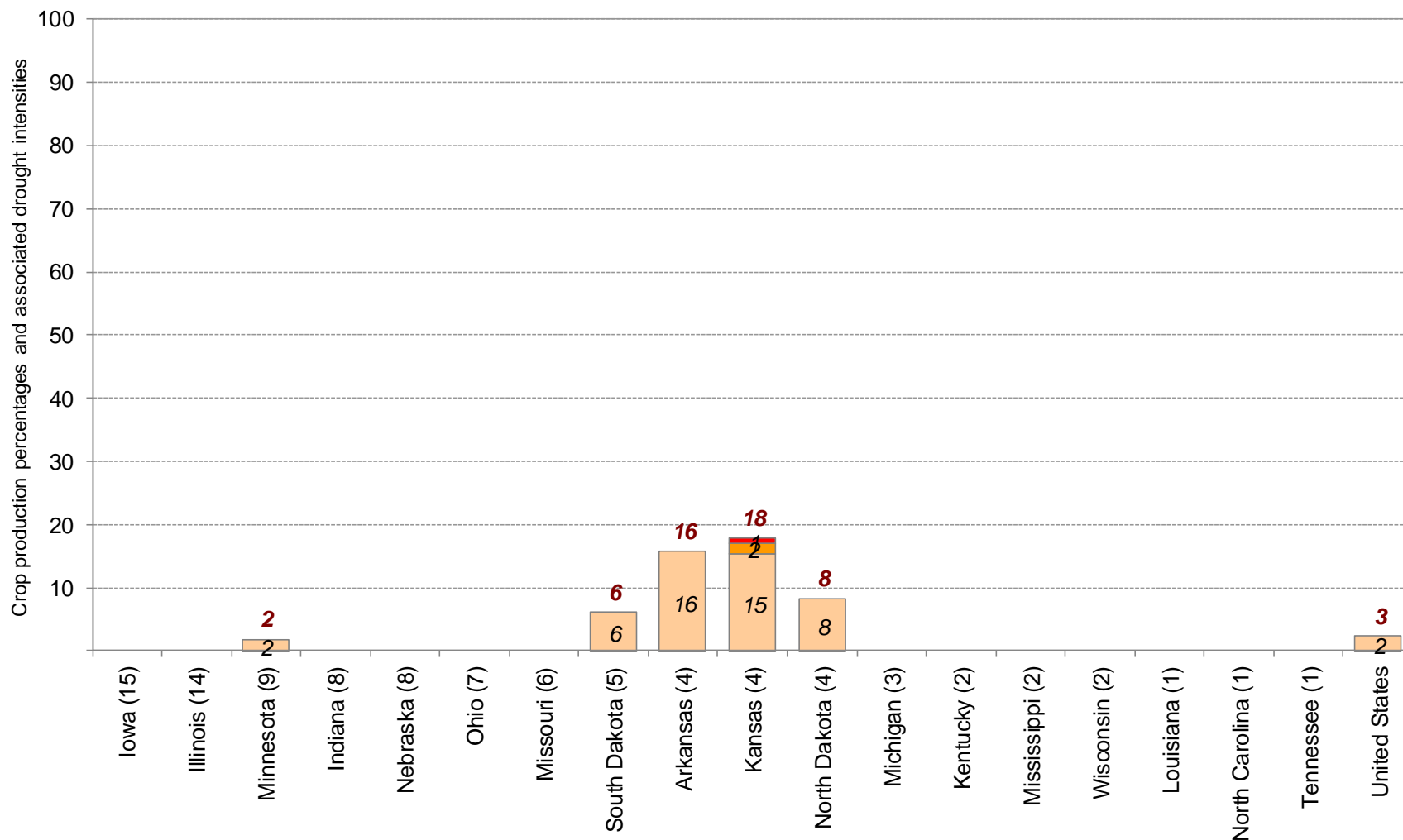
Major and minor agricultural areas are derived from NASS county-level crop production data from 2006 to 2010. Additional information on these agricultural data can be found at: <http://www.nass.usda.gov/>.

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- Major areas combined account for 75% of the total national production annually.
- Major and minor areas combined account for 99% of the total national production annually.

Approximate Percentage of Soybeans Located in Drought *

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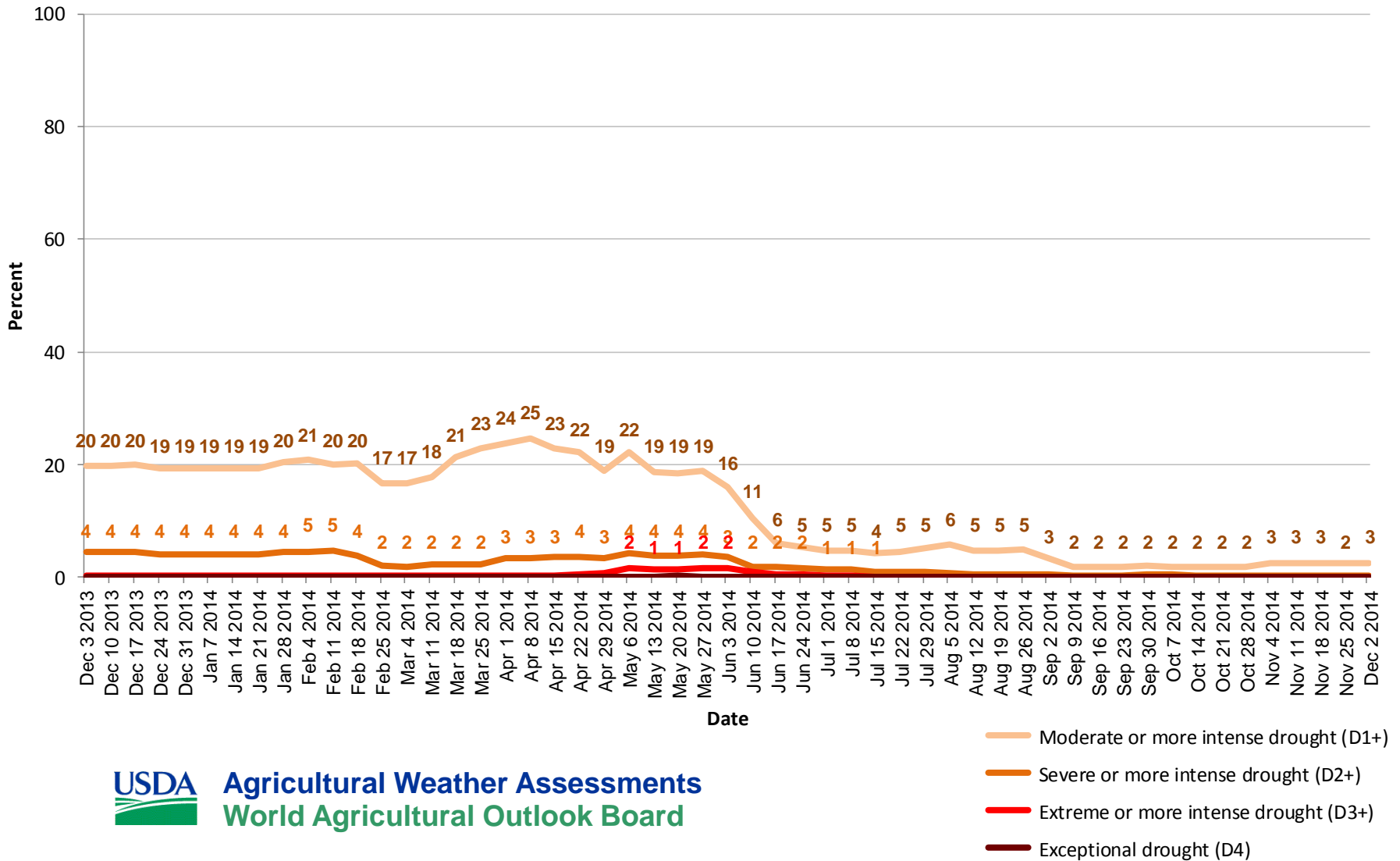
Percent in Moderate Drought (D1)
 Percent in Severe Drought (D2)
 Percent in Extreme Drought (D3)
 Percent in Exceptional Drought (D4)

State contributions to national production (percentages in parentheses) are based upon National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) 5-year averages from 2006-2010. More information on NASS data can be found at <http://www.nass.usda.gov/>.



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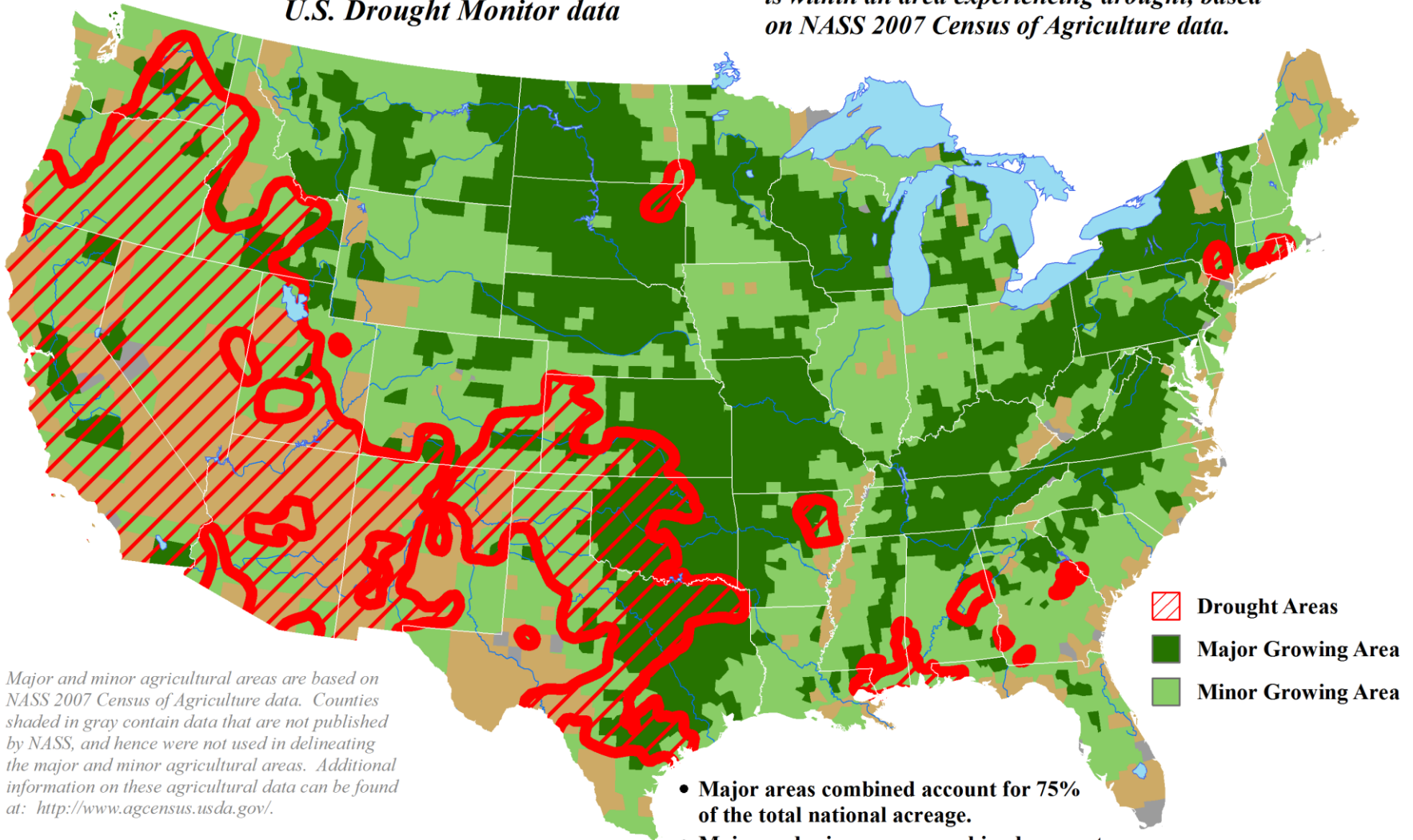
United States Soybean Areas Located in Drought



U.S. Hay Areas Experiencing Drought

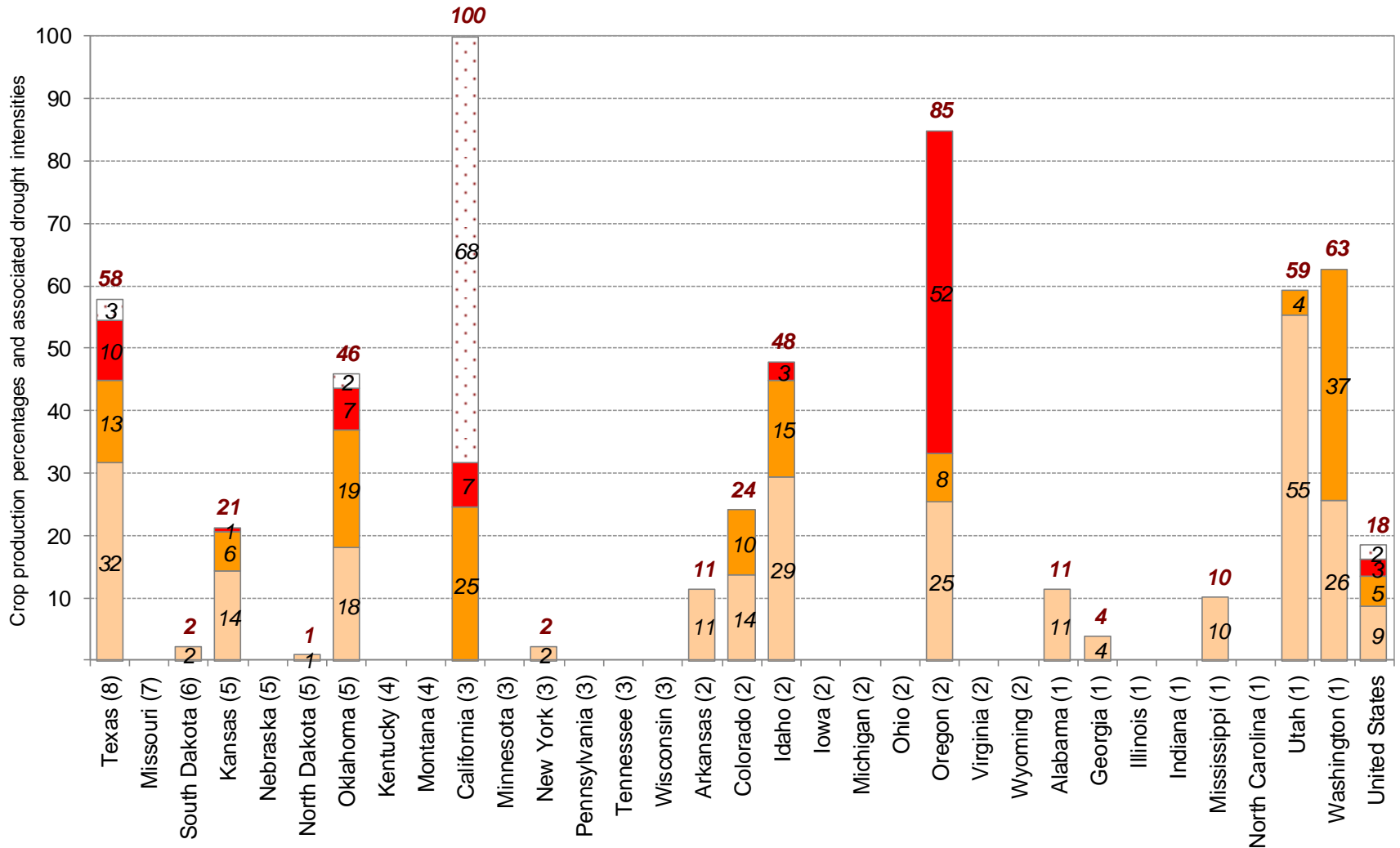
Reflects December 2, 2014
U.S. Drought Monitor data

Approximately **18%** of the domestic hay acreage
is within an area experiencing drought, based
on NASS 2007 Census of Agriculture data.



Approximate Percentage of Hay Located in Drought *

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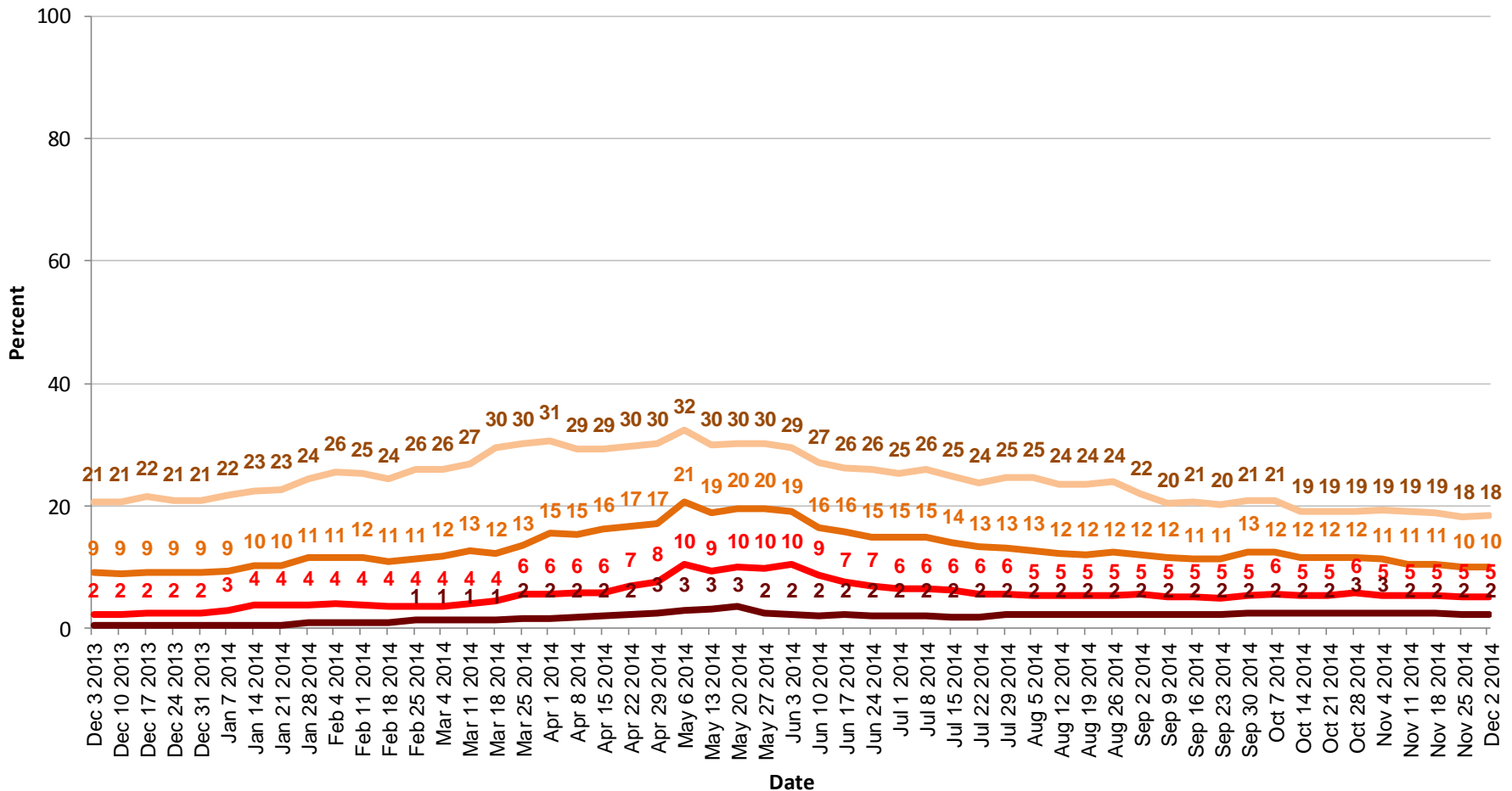
Percent in Moderate Drought (D1)
 Percent in Severe Drought (D2)
 Percent in Extreme Drought (D3)
 Percent in Exceptional Drought (D4)

State contributions to national production (percentages in parentheses) are based upon National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) 2007 Census of Agriculture data. More information on NASS data can be found at <http://www.nass.usda.gov/>.



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United States Hay Areas Located in Drought



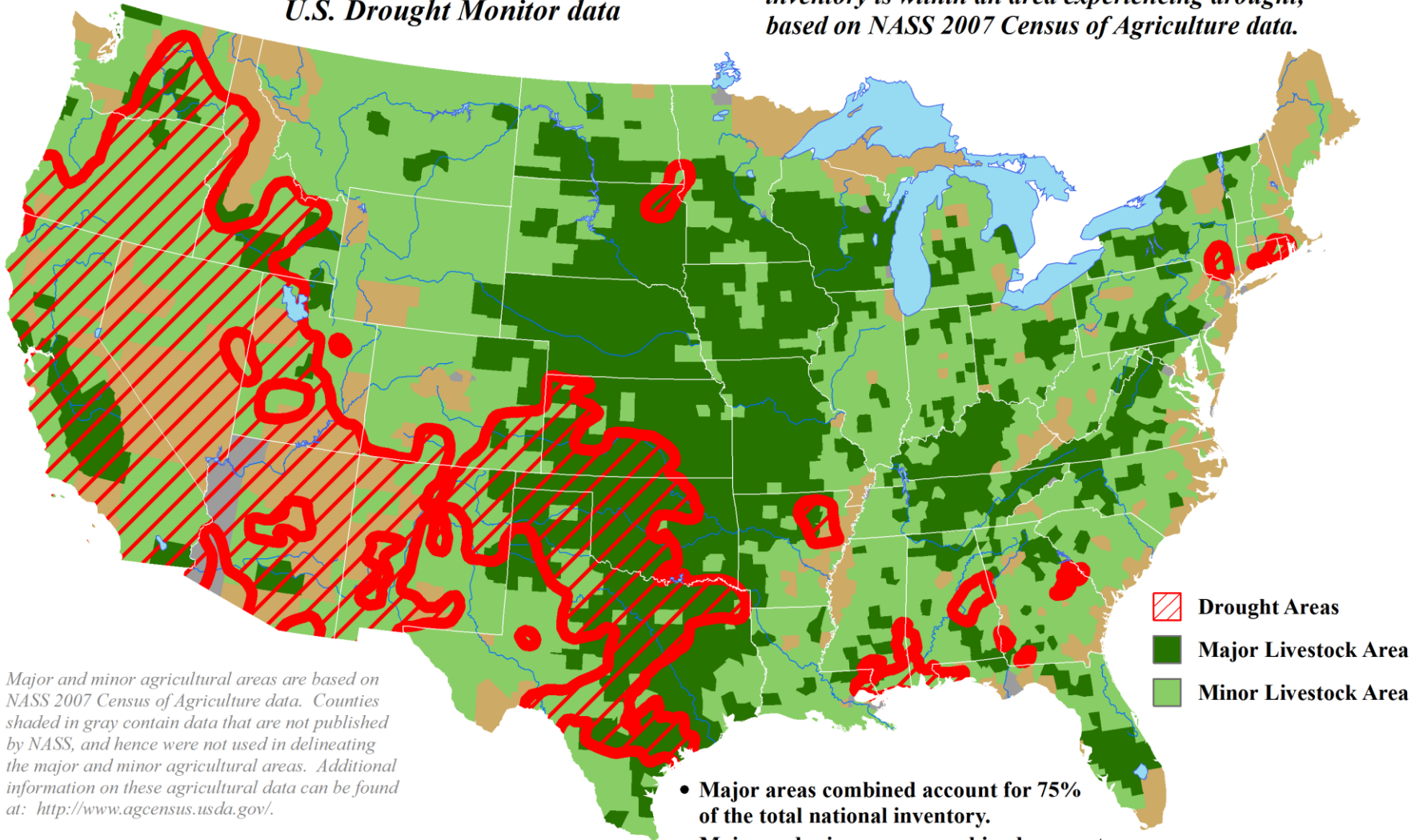
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- Moderate or more intense drought (D1+)
- Severe or more intense drought (D2+)
- Extreme or more intense drought (D3+)
- Exceptional drought (D4)

U.S. Cattle Areas Experiencing Drought

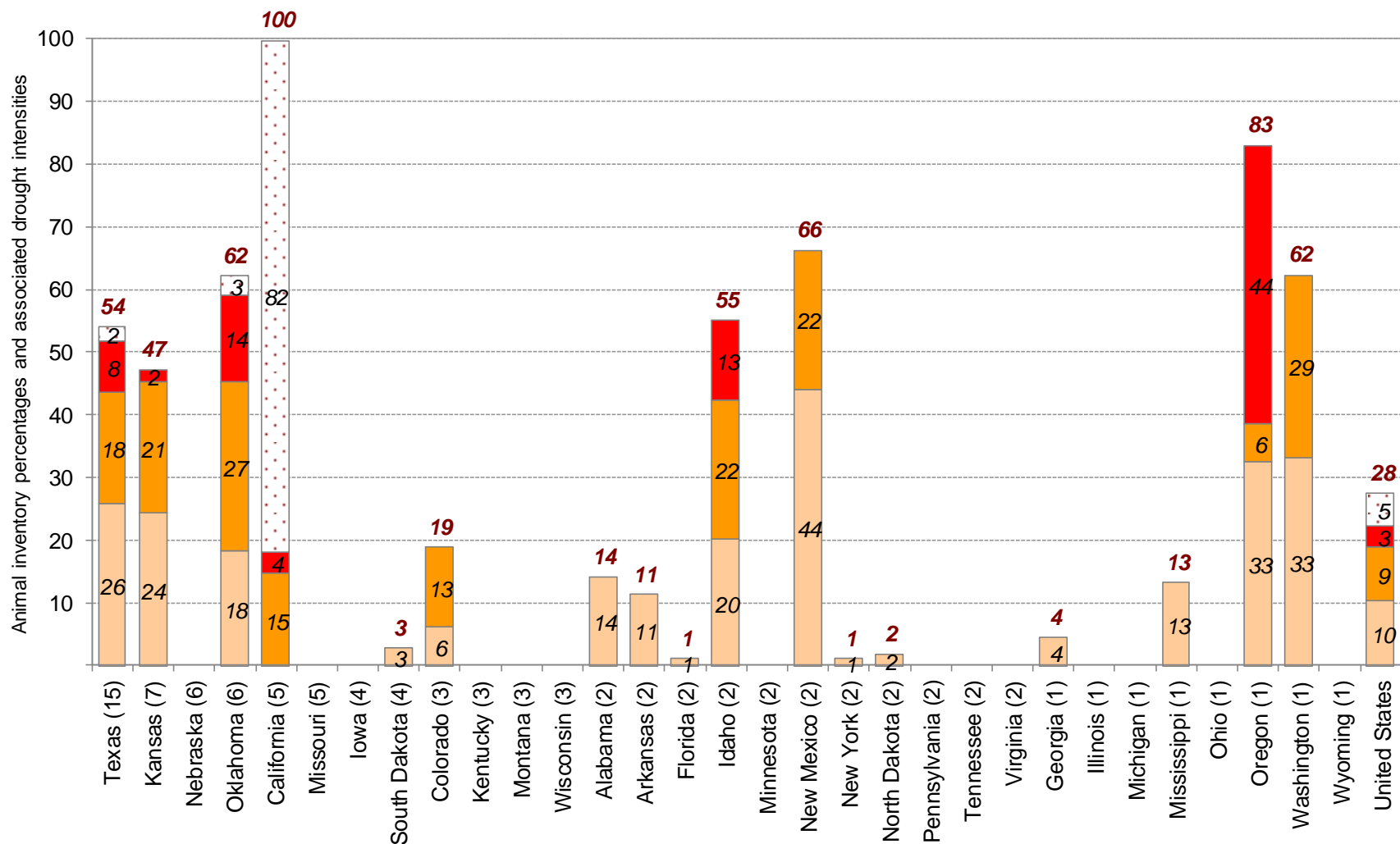
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Approximately **28%** of the domestic cattle inventory is within an area experiencing drought, based on NASS 2007 Census of Agriculture data.



Approximate Percentage of Cattle Located in Drought *

December 2, 2014

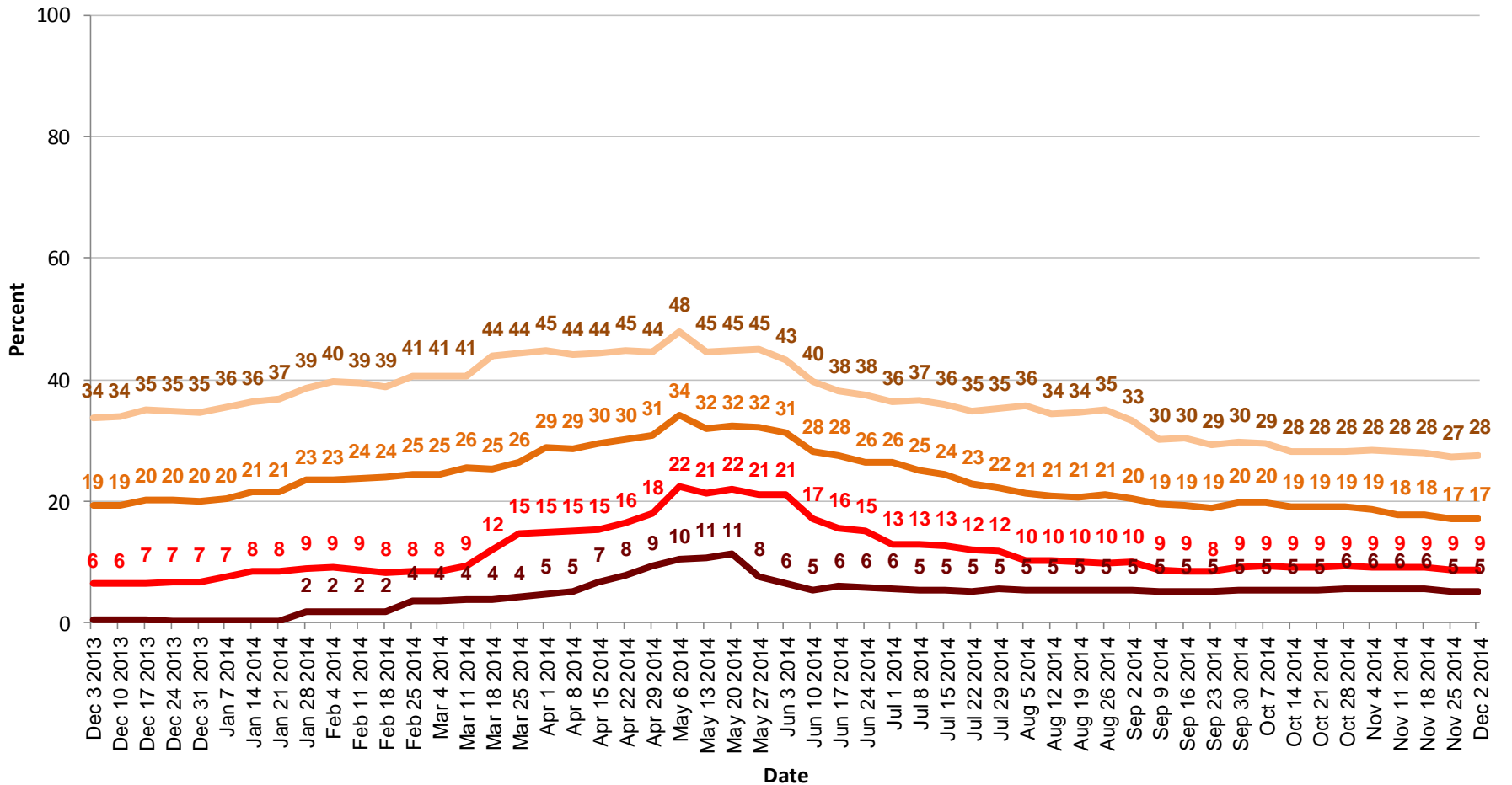


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Percent in Moderate Drought (D1)
 Percent in Severe Drought (D2)
 Percent in Extreme Drought (D3)
 Percent in Exceptional Drought (D4)

State contributions to the total national inventory (percentages in parentheses) are based upon National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) 2007 Census of Agriculture data. More information on NASS data can be found at <http://www.nass.usda.gov/>.

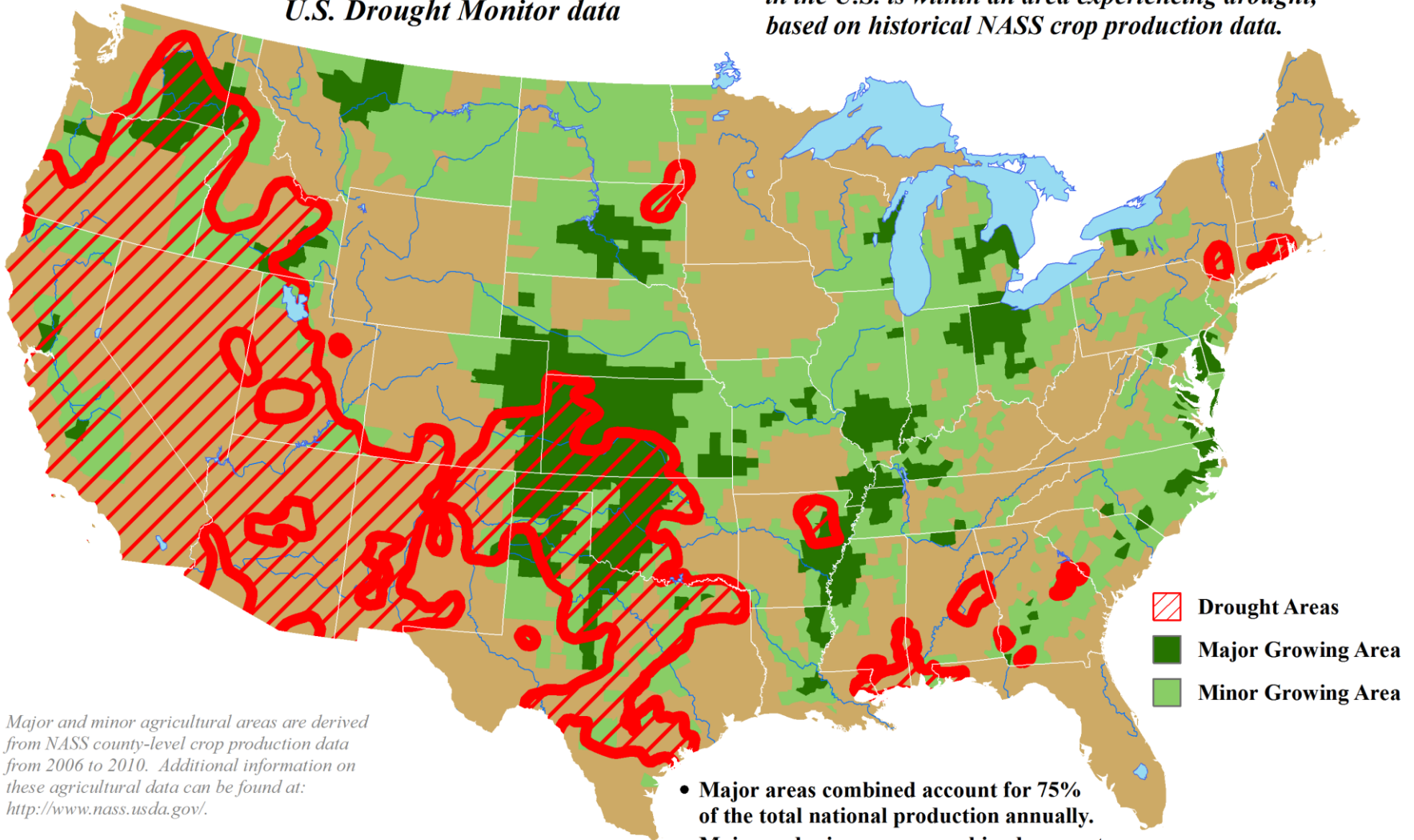
United States Cattle Areas Located in Drought



U.S. Winter Wheat Areas Experiencing Drought

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Approximately **37%** of the winter wheat grown
in the U.S. is within an area experiencing drought,
based on historical NASS crop production data.



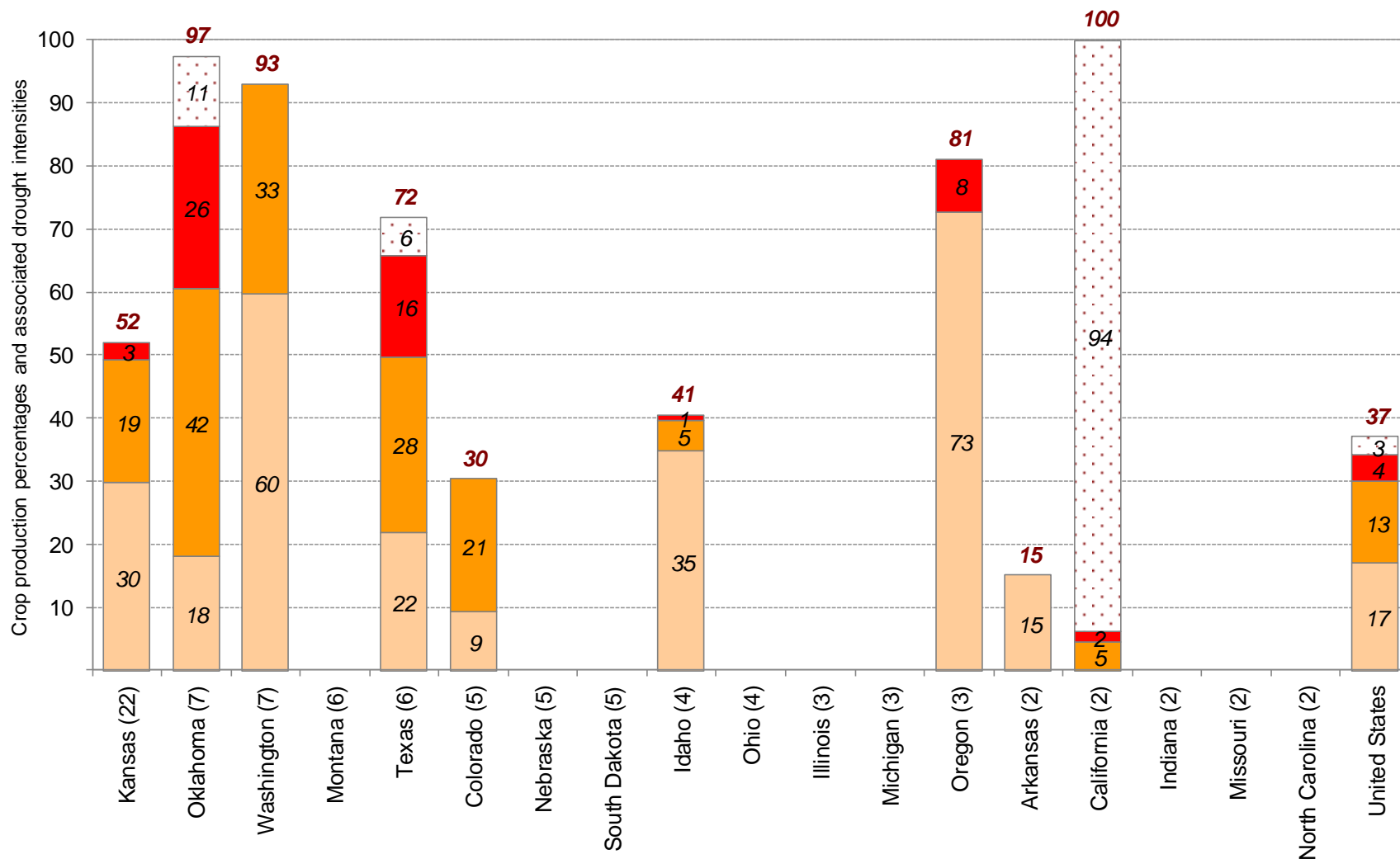
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Approximate Percentage of Winter Wheat Located in Drought *

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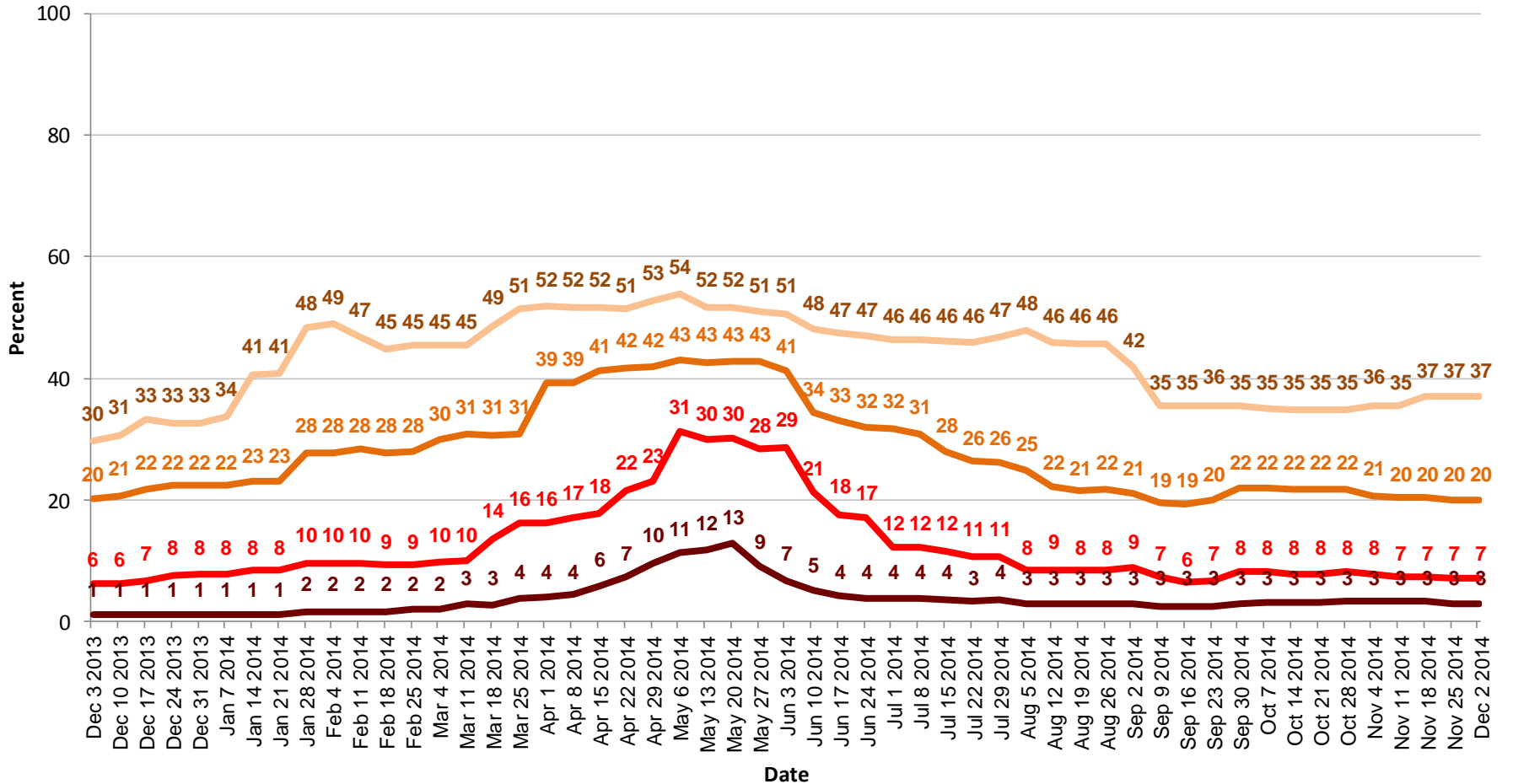
Percent in Moderate Drought (D1)
 Percent in Severe Drought (D2)
 Percent in Extreme Drought (D3)
 Percent in Exceptional Drought (D4)

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United States Winter Wheat Areas Located in Drought



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- Moderate or more intense drought (D1+)
- Severe or more intense drought (D2+)
- Extreme or more intense drought (D3+)
- Exceptional drought (D4)